

# Religion Plays Major Role In World Events In 1964

(Editor's Note: The following article is a condensed version of the annual "The Year in Religion" report by the Religious News Service. We do not endorse some of the things in the article, but publish it in line with our policy of keeping our readers

informed concerning what is transpiring in the religious world.)

NEW YORK—(RNS)—One of religion's most dynamic and momentous years of the century, 1964 saw a surging ecumenism, marked by new

and often dramatic gestures of inter-Church goodwill. It was a time also when religious spotlights were focused on some of the great social and moral challenges of the modern age.

In the United States, where racism was the para-

mount issue of the year, religious forces — Protestant, Catholic and Jewish — threw massive support behind the Civil Rights Act that was signed by President Johnson on July 2. Meeting at Tutzing, West Germany, the World Council of Churches' Execu-

tive Committee commended in particular the National Council of Churches and its member denominations for their part in the burgeoning struggle for interracial justice.

Two other issues preempting worldwide attention during the year were religious

liberty and Christian - Jewish relations. Sharp disappointment was voiced by both Catholic and Protestant leaders when Vatican II deferred action for "lack of time" on an epochal religious freedom declaration that had won the support of a majority of the Council. A "revolt" by 1,400 Council Fathers aimed at bringing the draft to a vote

founded when Pope Paul VI declined to intervene, promising instead that it would be a top item at the Council's fourth session. One result of the postponing action was noted in Spain where officials announced that parliamentary debate on a long-awaited bill liberalizing the status of the country's Protestant minority

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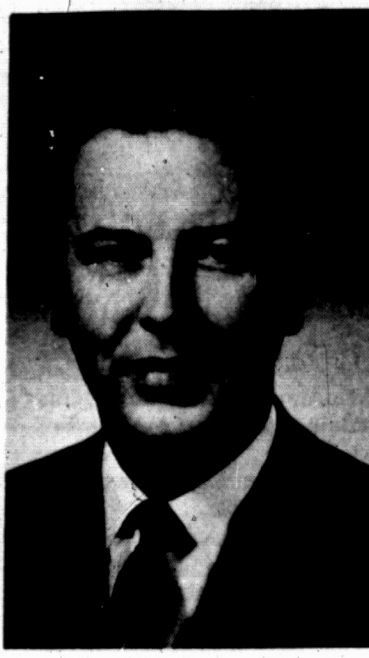
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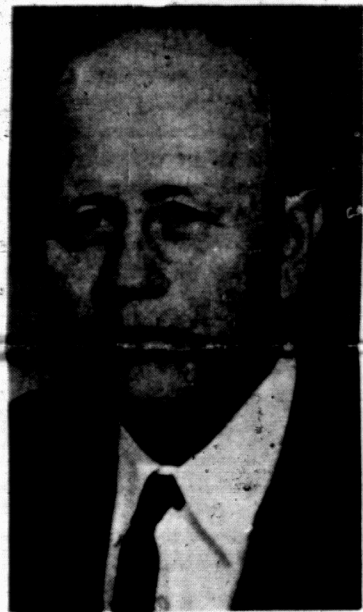
### Evangelistic Conference Beckons



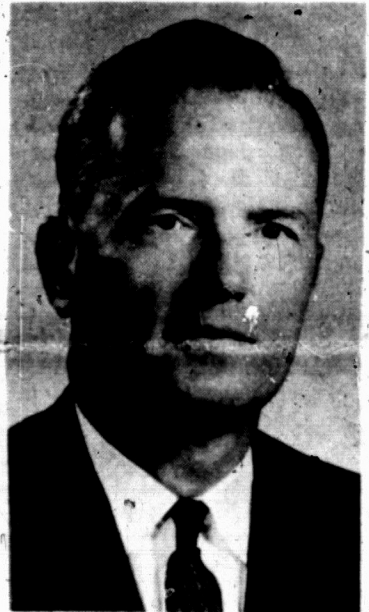
Dr. Carl E. Bates



Dr. Franklin H. Paschall



Dr. C. Y. Dossey



Dr. Duke K. McCall

The annual Mississippi Baptist Evangelistic Conference will be held at Tupelo Feb. 8-10, it has been announced by Rev. L. Gordon Sansing, Jackson, secretary of the Department of Evangelism of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, sponsoring agency.

Over one thousand Mississippi Baptist pastors and other church and association leaders, from every section of the state, are expected for the event to be held in Tupelo's Harrisburg Church.

Featured visiting inspirational speakers will be Dr. Carl Bates, pastor of First Church, Charlotte, N. C. and Dr. Franklin H. Paschall, pastor of First Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

Representing the Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, and speaking twice, will be Dr. C. Y. Dossey, associate in the division.

Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will conduct Bible study during each session.

Mr. Sansing, conference director, will bring the conference to a close Wednesday morning with a message on "The Spirit of Evangelism."

Dan C. Hall, music secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will be in charge of conference music, with both congregational singing and special music to be featured.

"True Worship" Theme  
"True Worship" will be the theme of the conference, with each session's theme as follows:

Monday evening, "Making the Worship Service Evangelistic"; Tuesday morning, "Justification by Faith"; Tuesday afternoon, "Growth in Grace"; Tuesday evening, "Our Source of Power"; and Wednesday morning, "The Consummation of Salvation."

State leaders to appear on program will be Dr. Joe H. Cothen, pastor of Alta Woods Church, Jackson; Dr. Beverly V. Tinnin, pastor of First Church, Meridian and Dr. Joe T. Odle, Jackson, editor of The Baptist Record.

Host pastor will be Dr. Robert H. Hamblin. The conference will begin at 7:00 p.m.

#### Mrs. McMurry, World Woman's Leader, Dead

BIRMINGHAM (BP)—Mrs. William McMurry, internationally known Baptist woman's leader, died in a Birmingham hospital Jan. 2 after an illness of several months. She was 67.

At the time of her death, Mrs. McMurry was president of the North American Baptist Woman's Union, composed of 11 Baptist conventions on this continent affiliated with the Baptist World Alliance.

She entered the hospital recently for an operation for tumor of the throat.

Prior to her retirement as a staff member of Woman's Missionary Union here in 1962, she was the Union's Promotion Division director.

Her late husband, a minister, held pastorates in Tennessee, Mississippi and West Virginia.

She was born Mildred Dodson in Franklin, Ky. Her father also was a Baptist minister. She received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Tennessee College for Women, Murfreesboro. She did graduate work at the University of Chicago.

In 1962, Oklahoma Baptist

Monday evening and adjourn at noon Wednesday.

All four visiting speakers have appeared in the state previously and are well-received, according to Mr. Sansing.

Dr. Bates is a native of Liberty, while Dr. McCall was born in Meridian.

The evangelistic conference is held annually and usually meets around over the state. The last time the conference met in Tupelo was in 1956.

Mr. Sansing has urged those who plan to attend to get their reservations in early. A listing of motels and hotels and the one to be contacted for home accommodations is carried on page three of this issue.

#### Oregon Churches Not Flooded

PORTLAND, Ore. (BP) — Southern Baptist churches in Oregon apparently were unaffected by Christmas floods which left hundreds homeless and brought severe damage.

A check by the office of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington here could find no record of any church, or any pastor's home for that matter, being flooded.

#### Churches In California Are Flood-Damaged

By The Baptist Press

Two Southern Baptist churches in California have sustained major damage from the Christmas holiday storm and resulting flood which hit northern California and Oregon. A third church may also have been destroyed.

The church building and parsonage of the First Baptist Church of Klamath, Calif. were virtually a total loss. Flood waters rose over the top of the education building and into the attics of other buildings leaving three to five feet of silt when the waters receded. Buildings, valued at \$52,000 were not insured against flood damage.

The First Baptist Church of Hopland received extensive water damage from the flood. Water rose five feet high in the church building and in an apartment used by the pastor on weekends. All furnishings and equipment were lost. The buildings, which had only recently been redecorated, appeared to be salvageable.

Wayne Creel, a Golden Gate Seminary student, is pastor. The First Baptist Church of Hoopa may have been de-

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### WAS THERE A CHRISTIAN WILL?— Stewardship Also In Death

By Harry L. Spencer,  
Executive Secretary  
Mississippi Baptist  
Foundation

The Apostle Paul admonished the Corinthian church to abound in the grace of giving. If the churches of that day should have been led to abound in the grace of giving, how much more should the churches of this day of unprecedented prosperity be urged to do so?

Giving is only a part of full Christian stewardship. Our current words economics and economy are the Anglicized form of the New Testament word that is translated "steward" or "stewardship."

The Saviour suggests the basic meaning of this word when He says, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's." Christian stewardship is the faithful administration of all responsibility which in any way is related to material possessions or wealth in any of its forms.

Complete Christian stewardship in its relation to material possessions is threefold: first, that which is God's and which we give or should give; second, that which we keep and use for our own good and God's glory; and, third, that which we leave when our earthly life is over.

Third Phase  
It is the third phase of our stewardship that we want to emphasize at this point. For years now throughout the Southern Baptist Convention January has been and is designated as "Make Your Will Month."

Mississippi is the only state in the nation where the old English law was enacted that made any will or bequest to a

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### 3 Southeastern Profs Resign

WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP) — R. C. Briggs, professor of New Testament at Southeastern Seminary here, has resigned and cited a protest against his teaching procedure and "deterioration of faculty morale" as reasons.

Briggs resigned as of Jan. 2 without any immediate future employment. He told Baptist Press he hopes to remain in the teaching profession.

Simultaneously, the resignation of Denton R. Coker, as professor of religious education was learned. Coker left effective Jan. 1 to take a deanship in a Georgia College.

In leaving after 11 years at Southeastern, Coker complained to the Raleigh (N.C.) News and Observer about the effect on academic scholarship and theological education at the seminary the protest by a segment of the faculty has had.

The News and Observer story also brought into the picture the names of two more professors. They are William C. Strickland, professor of New Testament, now abroad studying, and Harold H. Oliver, associate professor of New Testament interpretation.

Oliver has resigned effective Aug. 31 to accept a position in the divinity school at Boston University.

Briggs' resignation was first publicized in a one-sentence statement from James H. Blackmore, Wake Forest Seminary public relations director.

The statement said simply, "Dr. R. C. Briggs has resigned as professor of New Testament at the Southeastern Seminary and his resignation has been accepted with regret by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees."

Binkley Comments  
Seminary President Olin T.

Binkley commented, "Inasmuch as the president is the official medium of communication between faculty and trustees, this statement is all that professional confidentiality permits me to say at this time."

Briggs, however, said the seminary had agreed to continue his salary and benefits

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### SBC To Assist In Crusade

DALLAS (BP)—The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board Division of Evangelism here has been asked to help enlist 100 Baptist evangelists and pastors from the United States to participate in a nationwide evangelistic campaign in New Zealand next September.

New Zealand Baptist in their annual assembly voted to hold the campaign, patterned after a similar evangelistic campaign in Australia in 1964.

Evangelists from the Missouri Baptist Convention assisted in the Australia campaign. The New Zealand counterpart will include Baptist evangelists from throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

A committee representing the New Zealand Baptist Union was sent to observe the Australian Crusade, and their report prompted the New Zealand Baptist Assembly's vote to hold a similar crusade in 1965.

More than 100 churches in New Zealand have already agreed to participate, and a total of 125 churches may participate when final reports are received.

Eual F. Lawson, associate director of the division of evangelism, will be responsible for recruiting the evangelists from the United States who will participate.

Lawson said that churches will be asked to underwrite the expenses of their pastors who want to participate. Evangelist Roland Hart of Auckland, New Zealand, has been elected director of the campaign.

### Baptist College Day Plans Ready

Mississippi Baptist churches will participate in the twelfth annual emphasis on Christian education and Baptist colleges which begins with Baptist College and Seminary Day on the third Sunday in February, the twenty-first.

It is suggested that pastors preach on the subject of Christian education that Sunday and it is expected that personnel from Mississippi's four colleges will be invited to represent their schools in many church services, according to D. B. Roark, of Yazoo City, chairman of the Mississippi Baptist Education Commission.

The 1965 theme is "Set Your Course". Early in January pastors and ministers of education will be sent sample kits of materials prepared by Southern Baptist Education Commission with the cooperation of the Mississippi Baptist Education Commission.

Churches planning to have an emphasis for their intermediates and young people can then order appropriate materials for a special program.

In the materials there will be information on college and

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### SBC COOPERATIVE GIFTS SET RECORD

NASHVILLE (BP) — Receipts for December, the first \$2 million month of 1964, sent Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program income to a year's record \$20,891,636.

This marked the first time receipts through this channel for national and world missions has reached \$20 million. Not only did the SBC reach its \$19,187,355 operating and capital needs budget, but it also provided a holiday bonus of \$1,704,281 to missions.

Funds beyond the budget requirement went exclusively

to foreign and home missions. Foreign missions got 75 per cent, home missions 25 per cent of the \$1,704,281 advance.

Treasurer Porter Routh of Nashville noted this meant \$1,278,211 for foreign missions and \$426,070 for home missions beyond the regular budget sums for these agencies.

"The Foreign Mission received \$10,921,081 through the Cooperative Program in 1964, the highest per cent of the total in the history of the Cooperative Program," Routh observed.

"The continued and growing confidence in the Cooperative Program as a channel for missionary advance," he continued, "will bring new heart to seminary faculty and students and to missionaries at home and around the world."

Cooperative Program receipts for 1964 were 7.42 per cent larger than receipts of \$19,448,028 in 1963.

Designations \$15,959,824  
Designations for 1964 for SBC agencies reached \$15,959,824, up \$938,963, or 6.25 per cent, over 1963 designations. This included gifts during the year to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for Foreign Missions and the Annie Armstrong offering for home missions.

This is the first year in some time that the percentage rate of increase for the Cooperative Program has been greater than the percentage rate of increase for designations.

Under the procedure of the Cooperative Program, state Baptist groups receive money from churches. They keep, on the average, two-thirds of the money sent from churches.

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### New Orientation Church Member Plan Presented

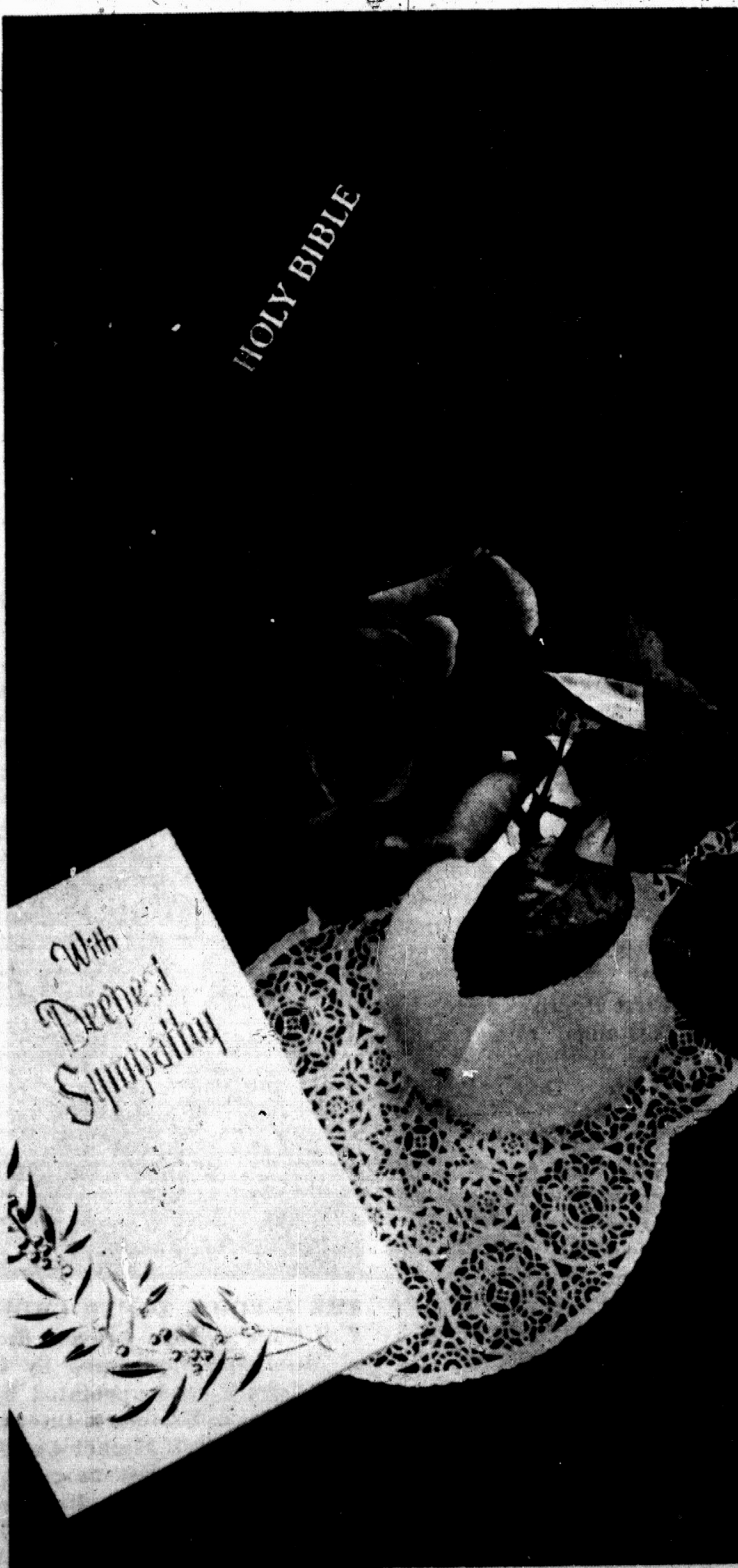
NASHVILLE — A plan to help new church members, both converts and transfers, understand their relationship to their church was presented at the state Training Union secretaries meeting at the Sunday School Board in December.

The new church member orientation plan will be available June 1965. More than three years in the making, the plan has already been tested in 37 churches.

"The objective of new church member orientation is threefold," said Earl Waldrup of the Training Union Department's general administration unit:

"One, to help each new member and the church to be assured that each person who responds to the membership invitation, is converted and that he is committed to the

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—SBC Stewardship Commission photo.



## Spanish Seminary In Largest Enrolment

The Spanish Baptist Theological Seminary, in Barcelona, Spain, which had been closed for two years, opened October 3 with the largest enrolment in its intermittent history.

The 19 students, 10 men and nine women (the women are wives of nine of the men), also constitute the most representative group to ever seek theological training at the institution. Two come from Seville, six from Madrid, four from Alicante, four from La Coruna in the far northwest, two from the Basque territory, representing the new church in Basauri, a suburb of Bilbao, and one—the only single student—is a Puerto

Rican American whose family has been living in Spain for some time.

Limited space and small faculty prevented the enrolment of several students who requested entrance to the school's current term.

Because of the urgent need for pastors and of the increasing opportunities for evangelical witness in Spain, the seminary will run on an accelerated program, both winter and summer, with the purpose of finishing a three-year course in two years.

Rev. Russell B. Hilliard is director of the school and professor of ethics. Other faculty members are Rev. Gerald A. McNeely, treasurer and professor of New Testament; Rev. Jose Borrás, teacher of theology and Greek; Rev. Juan Lacue, psychology; Rev. Juan Perez, cultural background; Jose Cuyas, English; Mrs. Joseph W. Mefford, Jr., special courses for pastors' wives; Mrs. Hilliard, director of the child care program; and Mrs. McNeely, librarian.

### 3 Southeastern - -

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According to Briggs, the protest over his teaching method dated back four years. He told the Raleigh Daily a segment of the faculty, numbering 10 or 12, protested officially to then President S. L. Stealey in 1960 "Against the use which I have made of the historical-critical methodology in the area of New Testament interpretation."

Although Briggs would not tell Baptist Press the names of other professors against whom the protest was also lodged, he told the Raleigh paper they were Oliver and Strickland.

"It has been a test of whether one has to square his beliefs with those of his colleagues," he was quoted further as saying. He said several professors used their classrooms as "Sort of a podium to attack (my) teaching."

A second reason leading to his resignation, Briggs added, was "The deterioration of faculty morale and personal relationships within the faculty."

Briggs came to Southeastern Seminary in 1957 after 10 years at Union University (Baptist), Jackson, Tenn. However, 18 months of that time was spent at theological schools in Scotland and Switzerland.

At Brunswick (Ga.) College, Coker succeeded a former colleague on the Southeastern faculty, Pope A. Duncan. Duncan moved to another college.

### Says Door Closed

The announcement of Briggs' resignation elicited a strongly worded statement from Coker, according to the News and Observer. It quoted Coker as saying,

"In securing the resignation of Dr. Briggs... by offering to pay his salary for two years, the president and board of trustees effectively closed the door on the level of academic and theological scholarship which once characterized this institution."

Coker said the trouble began when "Six or eight seminary faculty members alleged that Dr. Briggs and two of his fellow teachers of New Testament were disciples of the German scholar, Rudolph Bultmann, and protested their use of his historical-critical method of New Testament study, a method approved by all reputable New Testament scholars today."

The News and Observer continued to quote Coker as saying, "Many of the theolog-

## Parkview Plans 20th Anniversary Celebration

Parkview Church, Greenville, will celebrate Homecoming Day and 20th Anniversary on Sunday, January 10. Dr. Lowrey Compere, pastor of the church in 1953-54 and now president of Clarke College, will bring the message at 11:00 a.m.

The church was organized in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Young on January 9, 1945 with 26 present. During the first year they met in the courtroom of the county courthouse.

The church property today is valued at more than one quarter million dollars with a resident membership of 509, and a budget of more than \$50,000 per year. Last year the church gave more than \$10,000 to missions.

Rev. Estes L. Lewis has been serving the church as interim pastor since January 1964, when the pastor, Rev. A. B. Pierce, died of a heart attack.

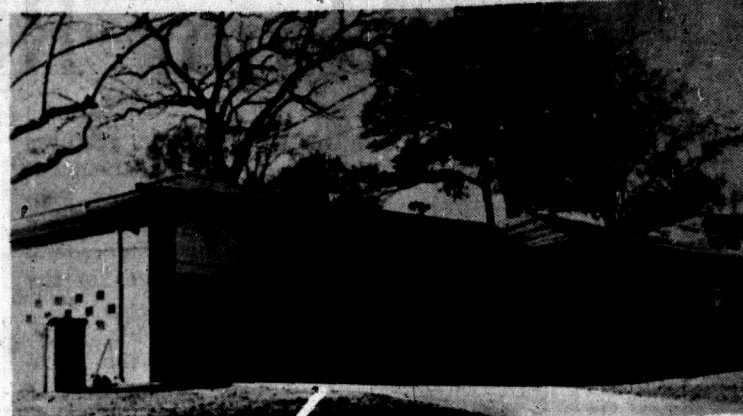
## Revival Dates

Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson: January 12-17; Dr.

W. Marshall Craig, (pictured), Dallas, Texas evangelist; J. T. Taylor, music director; Dr. Allen Webb, pastor; services 7:30 nightly and 7 a.m. Wednesday through Friday.

ical allegations (were) motivated by the personal dissatisfaction of a small group of faculty members."

He termed the resignation of Briggs "a tragic development" which "has set the cause of excellence of theological education back for many years."



CENTRAL CHURCH's new pastor's home at 800 Witterman Street, McComb, was dedicated Dec. 27, when the occupants—Rev. Bob Lynch and family—held Open House. The brick, four-bedroom home stands on the site of the former home of the church's first pastor, Rev. J. H. Lane. Mr. Lane's children donated the old home to the church. It was torn down and rebuilt. Three of the Lane children were present for the dedication. They include Mrs. Grace Leggett, Magnolia; Mrs. Helen Causey of Biloxi; and Mrs. Julia Boyd of Baton Rouge. A fourth, Luther Lane, lives in Oklahoma and was not present.

## New Orientation - -

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church. "Two, to help each new member gain a basic understanding of, and commitment to, the privileges and responsibilities of membership."

"Three, to help each new member become a growing participant in the life and work of the Christian fellowship he has joined, begin to relate to the world, and bear an increasingly effective witness."

It is an effort to complete the orientation of all new members and transfers and to involve them in the life and ministry of their church the program is being launched.

Available in June 1965 will be new church member instruction materials for juniors, intermediates, young people and adults. In addition to an orientation manual, teachers' and pupils' texts will also be available for all four ages.

The orientation period may extend over a period of several weeks or months. During this time the new member would receive counsel and instruction in the meaning of conversion and church membership, Christian growth and Bible study, the church, and Christian service.

At the end of the orientation, the new member should be prepared to enter actively into the life and work of his church as an informed and committed Christian.

### Adult Thrust

Plans for year II of the Adult Thrust, beginning in October 1965, were interpreted during the state Sunday School secretaries' meeting.

The Adult Thrust, which began in 1964, is designed to reach all age groups by emphasizing the reaching of adults.

In the year II plans, materials are designed for four particular groups of adults: unsaved adults; adult prospects whose children are enrolled in Sunday School; adult church members who are unaffiliated and are not enrolled in Sunday School; and adult prospects whose children were enrolled in Vacation Bible School.

In the January-March quarter of 1966, an alternate Sunday School lesson unit on witnessing, "Bearing Our Witness For Christ," will be available for young people and adults.

### Youth Emphasis Set

A special program for the involvement of youth in witnessing was presented by personnel of the Sunday School Board's Sunday School De-



Rev. Gordon H. Sansing

## Broadmoor Church Ordains Preacher

Gordon Harold Sansing was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Broadmoor Church, Jackson, on Wednesday night, December 30.

The ordination sermon was by the young preacher's father, Rev. L. Gordon Sansing, Secretary of the Department of Evangelism of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The charge to the candidate was made by Dr. David Grant, pastor of the Broadmoor Church. Alvin Word, Jr., Chairman of the Deacons of Broadmoor Church, presented a Bible from the church. The ordination prayer was led by Dr. Joe Odle, editor of the Baptist Record. A council made up of many ordained ministers and deacons participated in the ceremony of laying on of hands.

Mr. Sansing was born in New Orleans while his father was a student at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He grew up in Jackson and was baptized into the fellowship of the Davis Memorial, now Crestwood Church. Later his membership was moved to Broadmoor Church where his father was the first pastor.

Young Sansing is a graduate of Murrah High School in Jackson, of Mississippi College, and is now a student at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. In 1963 he married Miss Elsie Williams, also of the Broadmoor Church.

Mr. Sansing recently has been called as pastor of the Knox Church in Waltham County, and that church requested his ordination. He will pastor the church as he continues his seminary training in New Orleans.

## SBC Gifts - -

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The one-third remaining is forwarded to the SBC. The SBC treasurer's report covers the calendar year 1964. Disbursements from the SBC, counting both Cooperative Program and designated gifts totaled \$36,851,460.

In addition, the SBC through its budget fund made a grant of \$75,000 to the Baptist World Alliance, plus forwarding \$284 in special gifts.

partment to state Sunday School secretaries.

The purpose of the program will be to lead youth into awareness, meaning, motivation and application of their own witness, and to gain their participation in witnessing activities through the individual church.

The five-months witnessing emphasis, scheduled for 1966, is planned to implement the theme "Every Christian a witness—now." All plans are based on the convention emphasis for 1965-66 "A church fulfilling its mission through proclamation and witness."

The evangelism division of the Home Mission Board has shared in large part in this coordinated effort with the Sunday School Board's Sunday School, Training Union and church music departments, Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood Commission.

## Caudills Return To Cuban Post

ATLANTA (BP) — The Herbert Caudills are in Havana, Cuba once again.

The missionary couple were met by a delegation of Cuban Baptists when they reached the island city December 30, traveling by way of Mexico City from the United States.

They phoned mission leaders at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here when they arrived in Havana. The mission agency sponsors Baptist work in western Cuba over which Caudill is superintendent.

Thus the Caudills returned to a country from which many missionaries have left in order to continue work they started 34 years ago.

They had left Havana last June for treatment in Atlanta of a separated retina on Caudill's left eye. However, despite three operations sight was not restored, and when a cataract developed doctors decided to leave the eye alone. The right eye is normal.

## Stewardship Also - -

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religious body null and void. The law was in force until 1940, and so it has only been twenty-five years in our state that people could leave any portion of their estates to Christian institutions and causes.

The point, I am seeking to make is that this emphasis on a Christian will can best be done by the local church. If I were a pastor now I would seek to set up whatever organization best suited to provide my people with the information concerning a properly drawn Christian will and the help needed to get it done.

I would not hesitate to emphasize what I believe to be true, which is that a properly drawn Christian will is essential to full and complete Christian stewardship. I must confess that I did not realize this when I was in the pastorate and, therefore, missed one of the rich and blessed fruits of the Christian ministry.

Brother Pastor, do not make this mistake in your ministry. Write us for the attractive brochure, "Make Your Will Emphasis," for a local church.

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## RETIREES AT 83— Sunday School Teacher For 60 Years

Mrs. J. H. Mathews resigned as Sunday school teacher at First Church, Gulfport, at the close of the past church year, after sixty years of service.

(The 83-year-old Mrs. Mathews is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Thornton, in whose home the First Baptist Church of Gulfport, was organized in 1896).

She had taught the Phebean Bible Class since 1938. This class, organized in 1931 with 15 on roll, was first called the Young Business Women's Sunday School Class, and was taught from 1931 to 1935 by Mrs. B. Locke Davis, wife of the pastor at that time.

In 1938, when Mrs. Mathews began teaching the class, its membership had dropped to one. With a prospect list of 25, and with work, prayer, and visitation, the enrollment soon grew to 25. Before the days of "age grouping," the number had increased to 38. This class has been divided

four times, and at present has 32 members.

The Phebean Class, which majors on personal visitation and soul winning, has maintained the Standard of Excellence for seven years.

During the 26 years that Mrs. Mathews taught the Phebean Class she set a perfect attendance record for seven and one-half years.

Mrs. Searle Carson was named to succeed Mrs. Mathews as teacher; Mrs. Mobley Cox is first associate teacher; and Mrs. Mathews second associate.

According to Mrs. A. D. Barnett, "Words cannot express the love and appreciation of those of us who knew Mrs. Mathews. She not only served as class teacher, but also as counselor and best friend to all the members of the class, in times of joy and sorrow."

## Missouri Leader Is Victim Of Heart Attack

JEFFERSON CITY, Missouri — A Southern Baptist executive committee member and past president of the Missouri Baptist Convention, James T. Shirley, 50, died unexpectedly from a heart attack on Christmas day in Fort Worth, Texas, where he and his family were visiting relatives.

Shirley was pastor of the Glenstone Baptist Church in Springfield, Missouri, and funeral services were held at the church December 28.

## Baptist College - -

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career planning, information for parents, map and course analysis sheet, suggested sermon outline, a seminary tract and other material. The Education Commission points out that an increasing high percentage of Baptist church members are of pre-college age, making it important for churches to see that their youth have adequate guidance in the selection of a college or a career.

## Churches In - -

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stroyed. The community was still isolated a week later and no communication had been received from there. It is thought by observers in the area that they almost certainly would have sustained major damage. Harley D. Shields is pastor.

The First Baptist Church of Orick sustained minor wind and water damage. The Rio Dell Baptist Church of Rio Dell was not damaged although the town was isolated and many of the members of the church lost their homes.

Early reports indicated the Town of Kezath was virtually destroyed. Two to six feet of silt covered the entire area and only seven buildings still stood in the city.

L. G. Camp, pastor of the Klamath Church, was able to save only a few things from his home. A piano, TV, radio and a typewriter were moved to high ground. Some clothing was saved in their car when the family was forced to flee.



THE 75-VOICE YOUTH CHOIR OF MAGNOLIA STREET CHURCH, LAUREL, made a Good Will Tour to New Orleans during the Christmas season. They went as official representatives of Mississippi, appointed by Lieutenant Governor Carroll Gartin, and as Ambassadors of Good Will from Laurel appointed by Mayor A. S. Scott. Caroling performances were presented at New Orleans Seminary, International Airport, the Union Train Terminal, Southern Baptist Hospital, French Market Coffee Shop, and on the U.S.S. President in New Orleans Harbor. Pictured above, left to right, front row: Billy Souther, minister of music and education at Magnolia Street, and director of the choir; Jo Ann Myers, choir president; Marsha Barnett, choir secretary; Rev. Clyde B. Little, pastor. Back row: Edwin Todd, choir vice-president; Mayor Victor Schiro of New Orleans, who made the choir officers honorary citizens of New Orleans and gave them keys to the city, and Ronald Jordan, choir treasurer. The Good Will Christmas Tour is to be an annual event. It is designed to promote good will between states and to share the Christmas story.

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Old Testament—Dr. T. Clyde Francisco, Louisville, Kentucky  
New Testament—Dr. Donald K. Ackland, Nashville, Tennessee  
Bible Messages—Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, New Orleans, Louisiana

## Religion Plays - - -

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would be deferred until the Council finally acts.

Approved by Vatican II in a preliminary vote, another historic declaration absolving the Jewish people of guilt in Christ's crucifixion and roundly condemning anti-Semitism was warmly hailed in Jewish circles, but bitterly denounced in the Moslem countries as a political, pro-Israel, anti-Arab document—charges Vatican authorities promptly denied, stressing that the document was purely religious in character and intent.

### Other Topics

Other main topics in the religious arena were: world

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poverty (a challenge which continued to gain high priority on church agendas); birth control (a subject that took on new dimensions as prominent Catholic scholars urged re-examination of the Church's theological teaching on the matter); and disarmament (urged in important Catholic and Protestant pronouncements as the number of nations with nuclear know-how already totaled 40, among them Red China.)

### Bible Reading, Prayer

In the United States, another paramount issue involved prayer and Bible reading in the public schools. A proposed Constitutional amendment to override the Supreme Court ruling in 1963 barring such practices—the so-called Becker amendment, named for its author, Rep. Frank Becker (R.-N.Y.)—remained stymied in committee after most major denominations had opposed it as an abridgment of the First Amendment which guarantees religious freedom. Meanwhile educators and churchmen studied ways and means in which religion might be handled objectively—as the Supreme Court indicated was permissible—in the public classrooms.

On the international plane, shocked reactions were provoked around the world during the closing weeks of the year by the savage murders of thousands of Congolese and white hostages—including many Protestant and Catholic missionaries—by Communist-backed rebels in the Congo. In October, a Kremlin shake-up that ousted "liberal" Premier Nikita Khrushchev stirred uneasy speculation over possible new anti-religious repercussions within the Soviet orbit, where intensified atheistic propaganda continued to be a major threat.

For Catholics everywhere, the year was marked by the introduction of liturgical reforms—involving principally more active lay participation in the Mass—which were approved by Vatican II at its second session in 1963. Pope Paul meanwhile made world headlines by becoming the first reigning pontiff not only to travel by air but to visit the Near East and Asia.

Pope Paul, acting on his own authority, conferred on the Blessed Virgin Mary the new title of Mother of the Church. This had been debated by the bishops, who had finally decided to defer decision on the matter.

### Church Union

A survey conducted by the World Council of Churches revealed that church union negotiations throughout the world numbered 38 and involved 102 churches in 30 countries on five continents. Published in November was a draft plan for a merger of the Anglican Church of Canada and the United Church of Canada. In the same month three major Anglican dioceses announced overwhelming support for proposals to unite the Methodist Church and the Church of England. In the United States, the 118th Assembly of the International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) authorized drafting a proposed union plan with the United Church of Christ. Earlier, officials of the Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren Churches announced that General Conferences of



**TEN DOLLARS FOR EACH MISSION STATION**—Mrs. Grayden Tubb, president of WMU of First Church, Fulton, is pictured turning on the last light which represented a contribution of \$10 or more for each mission station of the Southern Baptist Convention, while the pastor, Rev. W. M. Daves, and Mrs. Daves, look on approvingly. (Photo by Delmus C. Harden)

## Churches Develop Novel Methods To Promote Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Many churches in this state, and over the whole Southern Baptist Convention area, have developed novel methods of raising the total amount given to foreign missions each Christmas season through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

**First Church, Fulton** constructed a plywood map of the world (shown above) which covered the auditorium wall back of the pulpit. The offering goal was \$560.00 or at least \$10.00 for each mission station manned by Southern Baptists. Lights were placed on the map at each of the Convention's world mission points; ribbons connected a picture of First Church, Fulton, with each mission point. As each \$10 contribution was received, a light was turned on. The climax was reached on Sunday night, December 27, when Pastor W. M. Daves announced that the goal had been reached.

**First Church, Gulfport**, Dr. W. G. Tanner, pastor, displayed a giant twenty-foot cross (pictured) which had 4,468 holes punched in it. A red peg was placed in a hole for each dollar given. Each Sunday school department had a fixed goal and when the goal was met, that department's ribbon was transferred from the cross to the globe.

**First Church, Canton** exceeded its 1964 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal. The church-wide foreign missions offering goal was \$2,700. The total offering received thus far is \$3,781.

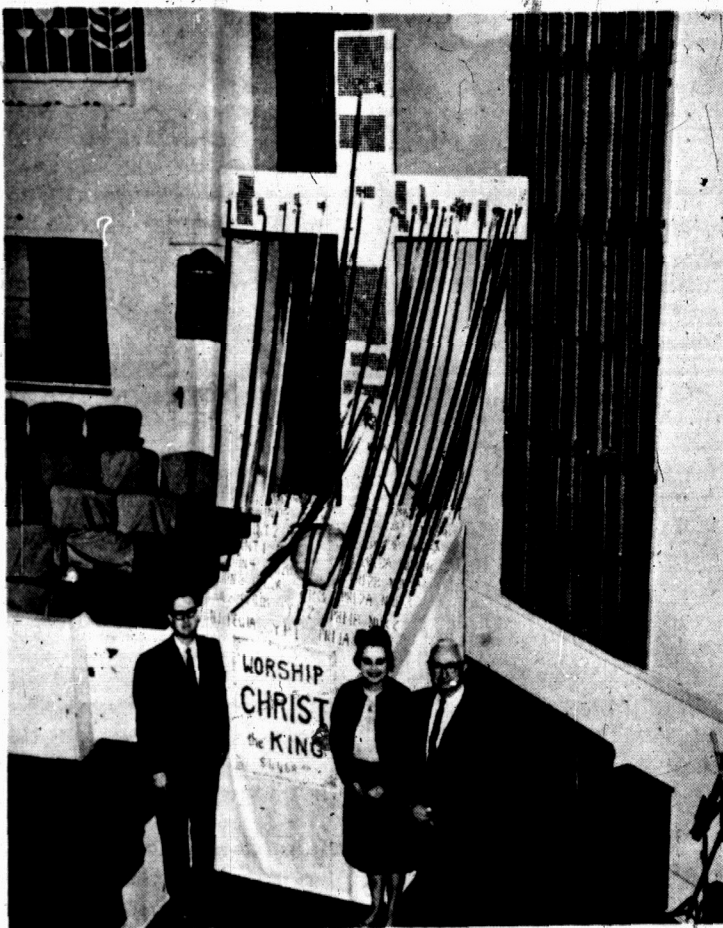
To display the progress toward the attainment of the offering goal, a simulated globe was placed at the front of the sanctuary. Lights were placed on the globe in the number and in the places where Southern Baptists have mission work. As progress was made toward the offering goal the lights on the map were turned on.

Above the map of the world there was placed a cross that could be lighted. The light in the cross was left dark until the church had turned on all the lights on the map of the world. The pastor, Rev. John L. Taylor, lighter the cross at the evening worship service on December 13, signifying to the congregation that their gifts would be used to shed the light of the cross around the world. The goal was reached during the actual Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, December 6-13.

Mrs. Ed O'Cain is Woman's Missionary Union President; Mrs. J. N. Stewart is Prayer Chairman, while Mrs. W. V. McLellan is Stewardship Chairman.

the two denominations, meeting simultaneously in November, 1966, would vote on a proposed merger. In Nigeria, formation of a new United Church of Nigeria seemed assured, when seven Anglican Sees voted in favor of a merger with Methodists and Presbyterians patterned after the plan which led to the formation of the Church of South India in 1947.

In the United States, the Consultation on Church Union—involving six denominations—hit what some considered rocky ground when both Methodist and Protestant Episcopal representatives declined to seek denominational endorsement of participation in forming a proposed union plan. Both Churches, however, agreed to continue discussion with United Presbyterian, United Church of Christ, Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) and Evangelical United Brethren delegation in discussion of theological stumbling-blocks to unity.



**THIS GIANT TWENTY-FOOT CROSS** is displayed in the auditorium of First Church, Gulfport, during the current Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Drive. The cross has 4,468 holes in which a red peg is placed for each dollar given. Each Sunday School department has a fixed goal and when met, that department's ribbon is transferred from the cross to the globe indicating that the Sunday School department has met its obligation to world missions. Left to right: Dr. William G. Tanner, pastor; Mrs. J. B. Cooper, president of the WMU; and Sunday school Superintendent, E. A. Warner.

### Racial Tensions

Although the year saw racial tension erupt also in such areas as the Congo, the Union of South Africa, Tanganyika, Northern Rhodesia and British Guiana, the chief spotlight was on the United States, where mushrooming church-supported Negro non-violent demonstrations in the South culminated finally in enactment of the civil rights law. Three months before, more than 5,000 Protestant, Catholic and Jewish clergymen had converged on Washington to demand immediate passage of the law. In June, the 176th General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. had called on church leaders to proclaim interracial fellowship as an immediate goal.

When a backlash of racial riots erupted in New York, Philadelphia and other northern cities, church leaders spoke out in sharp condemnation. Pleas for racial harmony came not only from such groups at home as the National Council of Churches, the National Catholic Welfare Conference, and the Synagogue Council of America, but also from abroad. "Meeting at Frankfurt, Germany, in August, the 19th General Council of the World Presbyterian Alliance called for strong Christian participation in the racial justice struggle.

Two months after signing the Civil Rights Act, President Johnson put his pen to the Economic Opportunity Act enacted by Congress to support another vital cause—the war against poverty. Leading Protestant, Catholic and Jewish groups promptly pledged full efforts against what the President called "the plagues of our contemporary society—ignorance, disease, poverty and unemployment."

### Other Developments

Other notable developments of the year: Eight religious pavilions at the New York World's Fair drew 22.5 million visitors, the biggest record (13,823,037) being scored by the Vatican Pavilion in which Michelangelo's Pieta was brought for display. In January the first international Protestant chapel to be opened in Moscow was formally dedicated. The Conference of European Churches, an informal organ-

ization since 1957, was made a full-fledged ecclesiastical group at a meeting attended by delegates from 21 countries. Ordination of women was approved by the 104th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern) and the Evangelical Church of Westphalia, West Germany. The American Lutheran Church became the first of four bodies to approve a proposed new Lutheran cooperative agency representing most of the 8,500,000 Lutherans in the U.S. Five of the ten eligible Baptist bodies voted to join the proposed North American Fellowship of Baptists, but one more was needed before it could become operative. A mass meeting in Atlantic City, N. J., attended by 16,000 members of seven Baptist denominations climaxed Baptist Jubilee Advance celebrations marking the 150th anniversary of organized Baptist missionary work in the U.S. on a national scale. In New York, religious leaders joined business, public affairs, law, labor and education spokesmen in forming a Council for Civic Responsibility to combat the "radical reactionary propaganda."

## Lloyd Sparkman Retires Jan. 4

Rev. Lloyd A. Sparkman has announced his resignation as pastor of First Baptist Church of Kosciusko, with the resignation to be effective Jan. 4.

He began pastorate there in Feb. 1954, coming to Kosciusko from Pine Bluff, Ark., where he served as pastor of South Side Baptist Church for 17 years.

He is a native of Webster County, Miss., graduated from Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Ark., and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

The Kosciusko church has advanced under the leadership of Mr. Sparkman in many ways. A mission was started on Maple Street in the fall of 1954 and a new building was erected in Jan. 1961 for the mission.

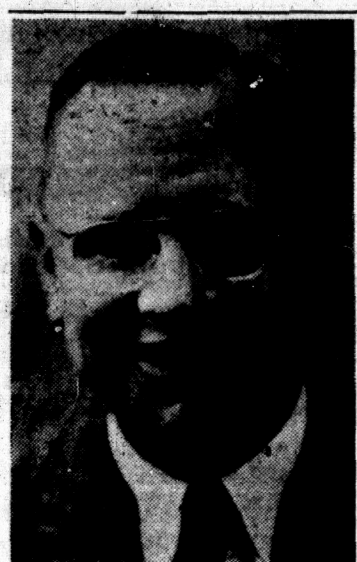
Other expansion was the purchase of property for a new church in South Kosciusko in 1960, with First Baptist pastor and workers from the church holding services for 20 weeks. The church now known as Parkway was organized Oct. 2, 1960.

### Membership Gains

During the nearly 11 years he has served as pastor, there have been 775 additions to membership by letter, 490 by baptism. Total gifts have been \$961,918.93; total for missions, \$312,079.58; total through Cooperative program, \$235,806. Seven preachers have been called to the ministry and ordained by this church.

Mr. Sparkman has been active in other phases of Baptist work, serving as member of Blue Mountain College Board for six years, member Executive Board three years, chairman of Temperance Committee three years, and is presently a member of Mississippi Convention. He is now

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Rev. Lloyd A. Sparkman

serving a second five-year term on Midwestern Seminary Board.

Two pioneer churches in the North West have been assisted financially by First Baptist Church under the leadership of Mr. Sparkman. He was sent by the church on two pioneer missions to the West, and on a mission trip to South America.

Asked about plans for the future, Mr. Sparkman says he does not plan to "retire", but will move soon with his wife to his home on Back Bay, near Biloxi where he will do mission work, and will be available for revival and supply work.

## Chicago Church Elects Dorman

Richard Dorman has been elected Chairman of Deacons of the North Shore Baptist Church in Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Dorman, the son of Mrs. Lula Dorman of Jackson, was formerly a deacon and choir director at Woodland Hills Church, Jackson.

He was elected to his new position at a meeting following the Chicago's church's annual Candlelight and Silver Dinner.

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(Hunters Restaurant adjoining)		
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### New Year's Resolutions

#### For Southern Baptists and Mississippi Baptists

It is presumptuous for one Baptist, even though he be an editor, to make resolutions for the whole denomination, or even for the Baptists of his own state.

Nevertheless, in this time of resolution making, at the beginning of a new year, this editor has decided to put himself out on a limb, and express some of his thoughts concerning what he thinks his denomination, both on the national and state level, might wisely do during the coming year. We would not claim that these are all the things Baptists should do, but they are some of them.

Wisdom would call for full discussion of each of these suggestions, but space does not permit.

What should Southern Baptists and Mississippi Baptists do during the coming year? Here are the ideas of one man:

1. Give new emphasis to the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and seek spiritual revival in every church and in every individual Baptist life.

2. As the Holy Spirit may lead, press for advance on all fronts. The entire constituency must be challenged to the greatest consecration and support ever known among Southern Baptists.

3. More than ever before, center the entire program in the Word of God. In a time when some denominations are abandoning belief in the inspiration and authority of the Bible, the world still needs a major denomination which centers its whole program simply on the Word.

4. Major on missions and evangelism. Give fullest support to the mission boards in their projected plans of advance. Point every phase of the program to the winning of souls, and set strong programs of personal witnessing.

5. Implement and enlarge plans projected during the past year to the return to the use of the Sunday school as the basic program of evangelism, enlargement and enlistment in the church program. Continue emphasis on "adult thrust".

6. Strengthen the whole church organizational program, but also continue efforts to co-ordinate their work. Utilize latest methods in training new members, but also continue to seek to reach, train and use present membership.

7. Give a greatly enlarged emphasis to stewardship. Southern Baptists cannot continue to remain as the very lowest denomination in per capita giving. The "Tithe Now" campaign must succeed, and tested plans for stewardship enlistment must be more widely utilized.

8. Give a new emphasis to preaching and teaching of doctrine. Continue efforts to eliminate doctrinal religious liberalism from every area of Southern Baptist life which calls for support by Southern Baptist funds.

9. Continue to reject ecumenical moves which mean compromise of doctrinal or denominational position, but at the same time emphasize unity and fellowship with Baptists and others who hold to the great truths of the Word.

10. Strengthen the Cooperative Program, and greatly enlarge its promotion.

#### Mississippi Baptists

Mississippi Baptists could well do all of the above things, and in addition should seek to do the following:

1. Continue moves to strengthen and enlarge the whole state mission program, with full support of plans for a new convention building which will make possible more efficient and effective work.

2. Make widespread use of the new stewardship and evangelism departments with their proposed programs.

3. Pray for and work with the Education Commission and the colleges as they seek solution to Christian educational problems of the state.

4. Enlarged support in every church of the Cooperative Program and of the whole Mississippi Baptist and Southern Baptist program of work.

5. Continued faithful effort to find Christian answers to the racial problems facing the state, with full support of the Convention's Negro Work Department as it works so effectively in this area.

### "Make Your Will" Month

The Baptist Foundation of the Southern Baptist Convention and the foundations in the various states, use the month of January as a time for promotion of will making. In a feature article and picture on the front page of this issue of the RECORD we join in this emphasis.

Making a will is one of the most important things that a person can do, yet many people neglect to do it. The result is that families often are left embroiled in serious estate settlement problems, all of which could have been avoided had a will been in existence.

An example of the seriousness of this problem was revealed when Mrs. Peter Marshall, wife of a prominent clergyman who died a few years ago, revealed that her husband had left no will, and created real problems for her and her family because he failed to do so.

That prominent Baptist senator, Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma, is another example. We understand that he did not have a will, and his family and Baptist causes could have suffered real losses, because there was none. Of course, he did not expect to die so soon, but die he did.

When a person fails to make a will, the property that is left will be handled according to the requirements of law. Often this means heavier inheritance taxes, and a different division of the estate from the plans the person involved had intended.

Many persons will feel that their possessions are so meager that no will is needed. This is usually a mistake. Even a small estate, can be handled according to the wishes of the owner, if a will is made.

There are many Christians who are able to leave some of their possessions to the church or some denominational cause which is dear to their hearts. If a will is made the bequests will be made exactly as

the donor specifies. If there is no will, in all likelihood the causes will receive nothing from the estate.

Every person who has reached adulthood should consult with an attorney and have a will drawn up. The Baptist foundations are happy to provide counsel, at no cost or obligation, if any person desires. They will be glad to serve as consultant if there are inquiries concerning bequests to Baptist causes. And, of course, if a person desires to leave part of his estate as a fund which will serve some phase of the Lord's work until His return, the foundation can handle such bequests, carefully guarding the investments and channelling the income from them to any cause the donor specifies.

Make your will this month!

Put the Lord and His work in your will!

Seek assistance from the Baptist foundation if you need it!

### One Hundred Thousand \$1.00 Gifts

Dr. William P. Davis, Secretary of the Department of Negro Work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and chairman of the present temporary Committee of Concern, said recently, "I should like to see one hundred thousand Mississippians send \$1.00 each to help rebuild destroyed Negro churches."

This is a worthy goal and should challenge large numbers of people. There are few Mississippians who could not make such a gift.

The Committee of Concern was formed after Mississippi Baptists had launched a movement to raise funds to assist in the rebuilding of destroyed or damaged Negro church buildings. People of other religious groups revealed plans for similar action, and expressed a desire to work with Baptists in the effort. The movements were coordinated and the Committee of Concern was formed. It is made up of individual members of numerous religious groups, but has no official connection with any of them. Already gifts have come in from all over the state, all across the nation and from several foreign countries and more than \$43,000 has been given. Mississippians have given more than half of this, and well they should, since it is Mississippi which has suffered most from the destruction of these buildings.

Every penny being raised by the Committee of Concern is coming from designated gifts of individuals, churches and religious groups. For example, among Southern Baptists no Cooperative Program funds or other denominational funds are being used. These special gifts are coming only from individuals and groups who desire to make them.

It would be a very easy thing for 100,000 Mississippians to put a dollar in an envelope and mail it for this cause. Many, of course, will want to do more. Mississippians, and even Mississippi Baptists, could, this very week, flood the Committee of Concern with these \$1.00 gifts.

This is true mission work for it is assisting in the building of houses of worship, most of which are Baptist. It is Christian work, giving a true Christian witness. It is service to Mississippi for it will help solve some of the problems facing the state.

Why not act now, put a dollar in an envelope and mail it to Committee of Concern, Box 530, Jackson Mississippi?

### Mrs. McMurry -

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University, Shawnee, awarded her the honorary Doctor of Letters degree.

Mrs. McMurry was a member of First Baptist Church, Birmingham, and taught a Sunday School class of business women. The church named its library in honor of her in 1962.

She was author of three books, "Constraining Love," "Educating Youth in Missions" and "Spiritual Life Development."

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Stoddard Emmons, of Ashland, Ky., and a son, James S. McMurry of Baltimore.

Funeral services were held Jan. 4 at First Baptist Church here with Pastor Earl Stallings officiating. Burial was at Springfield, Tenn.

### Final Rites For

#### Mrs. R. D. Pearson

Funeral services for Mrs. R. D. Pearson were held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, December 27, from First Baptist Church of Macon, the church where her husband was pastor for 28 years.

Rev. Ivor L. Clark, Rev. Wayne Barrett and Rev. Robert E. Calvert officiated, and interment followed in Odd Fellows cemetery.

Mrs. Pearson, 74, passed away December 26, after a long illness.

The former Willie Mae Watts, Mrs. Pearson was born on November 2, 1890, in Ok-tibbeha county, the daughter of the late William Glen Watt and Mary Morgan Watt.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Leon Walker of Macon; five sons, Dr. Robert Pearson of Auburn, Ala., Dr. Glen Pearson of Hattiesburg, Wilbur Pearson of Columbus, Dr. William Pearson of Natchez, and Dr. John Pearson of Jackson; twenty grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

There will be more Methodists (thirteen) among state governors in 1965 than members of any other religious body. Roman Catholics are next with eight. There are seven Baptist governors, six Episcopalians, six Presbyterians; five United Church of Christ or Congregational Christian members, two Mormons, two Lutherans, and a Unitarian.

### Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

January 11 - Willie Mae Cutrer, Baptist student director, Jones Junior College; Mrs. Sue Lipsey faculty, Mississippi College.

January 12 - E. P. Burke, superintendent of missions, DeSoto County.

January 13 - Mrs. Genevieve Walker, Baptist Book Store; Mrs. Therman Bryant, Clarke College faculty.

January 14 - Mrs. Jennie Lou Breland, faculty, Carey College; J. D. Sims, staff, Carey College.

January 15 - Norman Rodgers, Baptist Building; Jack Roberts, Baptist Building.

January 16 - J. B. Parker, chaplain, Baptist Hospital; Mrs. Burma Cone, staff, Children's Village.

January 17 - Mrs. Aurelia Hollis, faculty, Blue Mountain College; Carolyn P. Mounce, staff, Blue Mountain College.

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### FROM THE PAST

by J. I. Boyd

#### 60 Years Ago

Pastor J. W. Steen of Ora, Covington County, tells of his Leaf River Church revival in which he was assisted by T. J. Barksdale, Student at Mississippi College, which resulted in twenty accessions, seventeen of them by experience and baptism.

W. P. Price of Jackson assisted Pastor H. W. Rockett in a revival meeting at Charleston which resulted in eleven accessions, a lot donated for a house of worship, \$1500.00 raised for its erection and "all concerned greatly encouraged."

#### 40 Years Ago

The Amory Church had Evangelist T. O. Reese and Singer Charles O. Miller in their revival meeting which resulted in forty-four accessions to the membership and "greatly built up the lives of the old members." Pastor W. Rufus Beckett, reporting.

Pastor J. P. Williams told about the annual protracted meeting with the Providence Church, Forrest County, in which he was assisted by S. V. Gullett. The visible results included 77 received for baptism, one whom was 71 years old.

Pastor A. J. Linton of the Athens church, Simpson County, did the preaching in their revival meeting which resulted in 40 accessions, most of them for baptism.

The Hinkle Creek church, Alcorn County, garnered 41 new members, all by baptism, during a meeting of days in which Pastor G. M. Savage was assisted by C. H. Mount who "did the preaching and led the singing."

Student W. C. Stewart of the Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, did the preaching in the Derma Church, Calhoun County, resulting in 26 accessions, 21 of them by experience and baptism. James Spikes of Newton, Pastor.



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## FIVE NEW SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED BY N. O. SEMINARY

NEW ORLEANS (BP) - Five \$1,200 discipline scholarships will be offered by New Orleans Seminary here.

The scholarships will be awarded for the first time in September, 1965 to outstanding entering students who are preparing for various types of church-related service.

Two ministerial students will receive School of Theology scholarships, named for J. Washington Watts and P. H. Anderson Sr.

Watts, professor of Old Testament interpretation and Hebrew at New Orleans Seminary for more than 32 years, has served in every seminary administrative capacity, including two terms as interim president. As a missionary to Palestine, from 1923-28, he helped to found Southern Baptist work in the Near East.

Anderson, a professor here from 1938-1960, was also a former missionary. He was appointed to China in 1907 and was professor and president of Graves Theological Seminary, Canton, China for 19 years. Anderson died in 1963.

His three sons are alumni of New Orleans Seminary.

A scholarship named for Britisher William Carey, pioneer of Baptist foreign missions, will be awarded to a missions volunteer.

The scholarship in religious education studies will be named for Plautius Iberius Lipsey, editor of the Mississippi Baptist paper, "The Baptist Record," for 20 years.

Lipsey is credited with spearheading the move to establish a seminary in New Orleans through his editorials and work on an exploratory missions committee in 1916. Lipsey was later chairman of the seminary board of trustees and helped to establish the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans.

Awarded to a student in the school of church music will be a scholarship named for W. Plunkett Martin. The late Dr. Martin was the first director and first dean of New Orleans Seminary's school of Church Music.

Discipline criteria for the scholars include academic

**THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS** by Major W. Ian Thomas (Zondervan, 154 pp., \$2.95)

The author reveals how sinful man can be made godly. He shows that it can be only by the work of God through Jesus Christ.

**TO RESIST OR TO SURRENDER** by Paul Tournier (John Knox Press, 63 pp., \$2.00)

The author says there are two distinctive levels in life—the level of logic and reason, or dilemma, and the level of a living personal encounter with God. He says that the solution of our problem is to be found always on the deeper level.

**IMAGES OF FAITH** edited by Wendell Mathews and Robert T. Wetzler (Concordia, 272 pp., \$4.95)

Brief selections from the writings of nearly seventy-five modern-day Christian writers which illustrate the Christian faith of these contemporary Christian thinkers. The messages are collected under two general headings, "Man Seeks Meaning" and "God Seeks Man", and twelve larger chapters dealing with numerous phases of Christian life and experience.

**VOCABULARY OF COMMUNISM** by Lester DeToster (Eerdmans, 224 pp., \$3.50)

Definitions of key terms, summaries of central ideas, short biographies of leading figures, and descriptions of significant things and events in Communism. A reference book which will often be used by those who are making a

achievements, statement of church vocation commitment, evaluation of referee statements and financial need for the scholarship.

Scholarship applications will be handled through the office of New Orleans Seminary President H. Leo Eddleman. Application deadline is March 1.

## Newest In Books

serious study of Communism and its movement in the world.

**MEN AND MOTIVES** by Jimmy H. Heflin (Christopher, 61 pp., \$2.00)

Traces the history and development of the English Bible from the days of Wycliffe to the Revised Standard Version. The closing chapter gives proofs that the Bible is the Word of God. The author is a Baptist pastor in Texas.

**EPHESIANS - TYNDALE BIBLE COMMENTARIES** by F. Foulkes (Eerdmans, 182 pp., \$4.95)

Volume X in the New Testament Series of the Tyndale Bible Commentaries. Presents a lengthy introduction, a clear analysis, and then a verse by verse, paragraph by paragraph, expository, commentary on the New Testament book. The author's scholarship is evident, and his interpretation is clear. The book will be a working tool for Bible students.

**CONSIDER CHRIST JESUS** by William Goulouze (Baker, 121 pp., paper, \$1.00)

Brief Bible messages which call men to Christ and to Christ-like living, which were first delivered on a national radio program. A part of the Baker Book House Series called the "1.00 Sermon Library."

**WHY I AM A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST** by Jack Mendelsohn (Thomas Nelson & Sons, 213 pp., \$2.95)

Explains the doctrines of the Unitarian Universalist Denomination. Baptists will not agree with this author or the teachings of this group, but this book will help them to understand who they are and why they believe as they do.

**AN AMERICAN TRANSLATION, THE NEW TESTAMENT IN THE LANGUAGE OF TODAY** (Concordia, 450 pp., paperback, \$1.45)

An entirely new translation

in clear, simple, precise modern English. William F. Beck is the translator. This edition is especially good for reading aloud to the family. Typeface is attractive, clear-cut, and easy to read.

**LIFE GIVING WORDS** by G. Ray Jordan (Warner Press, paperback, 112 pp., \$1.50)

A preacher-writer chooses 26 words from the Lord's Prayer and examines them in depth.

**THE ROAD TO SALVATION** by Theodor Bovet, translated by F. A. Baker (Doubleday, 249 pp., \$4.95)

A Swiss psychiatrist analyzes the weapons of psychology that a pastor must or should use in combating problems of his church members. He calls this "a handbook on the Christian care of persons."

**DEATH MADE EASY** by C. S. Lovett (published by Personal Christianity, Baldwin Park, California, 80 pp., paperback, \$1.00)

This author advocates the very simplest of funerals. He compares death to graduation.

**II CORINTHIANS, KEYS TO TRIUMPHANT LIVING** by Edgar C. James (Moody Press, paperback, 64 pp.)

This is a Bible study workbook, in the "Teach Yourself the Bible Series" of Moody Bible Institute.

**PROPHETIC MESSAGES** by Al Bryant (Zondervan, paperback, 47 pp., 50 cents, one of the Simple Sermon Outlines Series).

Here in handy form for convenient use are sermon outlines. Others in this series are WORSHIP SERVICES, EVANGELISTIC SERMONS, SPECIAL DAYS AND OCCASIONS, REVIVAL MESSAGES, AND FUNERAL SERVICES, each small, separate booklet of outlines selling for 50 cents.



## Over 2000 American Doctors Overseas

CHICAGO—More than two thousand American doctors are now overseas, bringing American medicine to the peoples of three continents. Under ordinary conditions a U. S. doctor serving a voluntary medical mission in Asia, Africa or Latin America may work harder than he ever worked before. He may keep an 18-hour day. He may have to scrape for medical supplies to treat diseases unknown in the United States. And he probably earns very little money.

Occasionally he may face an extraordinary condition such as that faced by Dr. Paul Carlson, the U. S. medical missionary captured by Congolese rebels and sentenced to death as a spy.

But, for a growing number of American physicians, the urge to serve in developing nations is apparently stronger than the hardships encountered in serving. The American Medical Association has detected a steady upsurge of interest among doctors. In the past year, almost 1,000 queries were received from interested physicians who wanted to serve varying periods of time abroad.

**Health Projects**  
Several hundred U. S. doctors are already overseas with the 600 to 700 health projects and the more than 350 hospitals sponsored by U. S. Organizations in foreign lands.

**Missionaries, Others.**  
The AMA estimates that Protestant denominations have about 700 U. S. physicians stationed abroad, and the Catholic Church about 50. Non-sectarian charitable organizations also send numbers of physicians overseas: Care-MEDICO, for example, sends about 150 annually for short terms of volunteer service, and Project Hope uses 35 to 40 volunteers, on two to three-month duty tours.

(NOTE: The overseas mission staff of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board includes 73 MD's. Seventy-two are regularly appointed missionaries and one is a missionary associate. There are also four missionary dentists.)  
About 200 American physicians serve abroad with U. S. government agencies such as the Agency for International Development (AID), the Peace Corps, Public Health Service, and the National Institutes of Health.

**The Demand**  
If the urge of American physicians to serve overseas is

growing, so is the demand for their services. In the past few months, requests for U. S. physicians have come to the AMA clearinghouse from governments in Malaysia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Tanganyika, Kenya, Uganda, Honduras, the Trust Territories, and other nations. The demand is not only for general practitioners but also for internists, pediatricians, surgeons and other specialists, public health specialists, and nurses. There also is a real need for medical faculty in denominational and foreign medical schools, so that health levels raised by missionary doctors can be maintained by native physicians.

The AMA has taken an interest in international health developments far beyond its clearinghouse program. AMA assistance to physicians who are serving missions in foreign countries includes sending them AMA publications free of charge and electing them to dues-free AMA membership. The association also maintains extensive files on each of the nations.

To aid the overseas mission in its perpetual hunt for supplies, the AMA publishes a Directory of International Medical Material Collection Programs.

An AMA short-term mission service program is a method of bringing postgraduate educational facilities within reach of American physicians in the foreign mission field. In this program, American volunteer physicians serve in foreign medical missions on a temporary basis, replacing the medical missionary in case of illness, vacation, educational leave of absence, and for other reasons.

## Professor Says The Gospel Must Have Relevance

LOUISVILLE (BP) — William E. Hull, associate professor of New Testament interpretation at Southern Seminary here, has called on Southern Baptists to make their own distinctive contribution to the study and interpretation of the New Testament.

Hull made the point during his inaugural address on "The Relevance of the New Testament" delivered before a convocation of seminary professors and students.

The professor said that New Testament scholars have attempted during the past few years as never before to clarify the message of the gospel and let it speak to the modern mind.

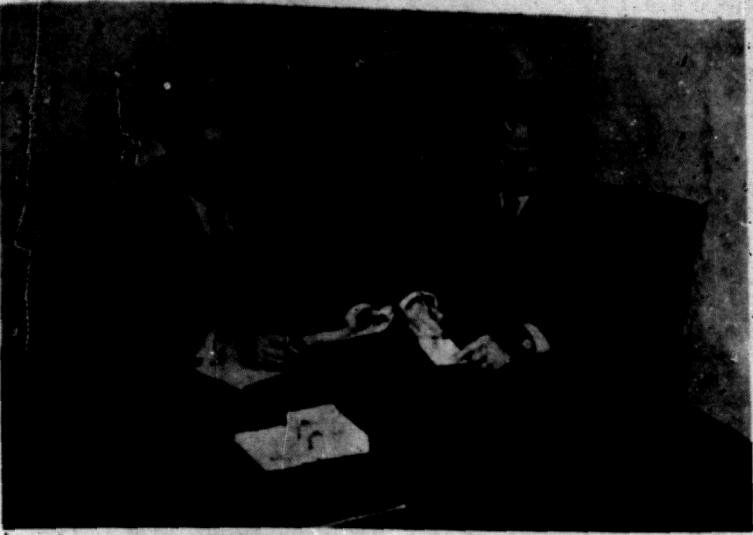
However, he warned Southern Baptists of the danger of accepting the wholesale conclusions of scholars whose backgrounds and purposes may differ radically from their own. For example, the free-church tradition and cultural setting of Southern Baptist churches call for an application of the New Testament quite different from the emphases of some European scholars who are members of a sophisticated state-church society, he said.

In fact, the near death of one of the Baptist mission workers from an acute attack of appendicitis provided the impetus for the erection of this clinic.

**Home Mission Board**  
When completed, the clinic will be turned over to the Baptist Home Mission Board for operation. Indians from any of the 50 settlements along the island chain may use it, and the provision for extra floor space will undoubtedly be used before many months have passed.

A diesel generator will be installed for power, and a huge tank must be built to catch rain water, the only pure water available. This will bring the first hot, running water to the island.

The Home Mission Board, under Panama superintendent L. D. Wood, will take over the completed project and coordinate it into a working medical unit with a budget and efficient administration. Wood, whose office is in Balboa, foresees much work ahead, but with some 110 missions in the republic of Panama under his responsibility, work is no stranger to his office on Balboa Road.

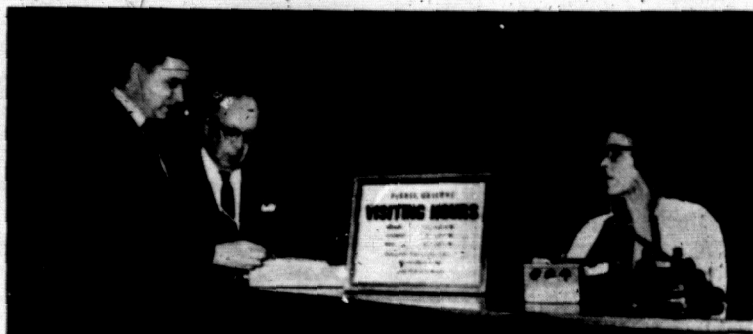


CHAPLAINS JAMES B. PARKER, LEFT, AND GORDON SHAMBURGER reviewing the daily surgical and admissions list prior to beginning their visitations. Before going to surgery, every patient scheduled for an operation is visited by one of the chaplains.

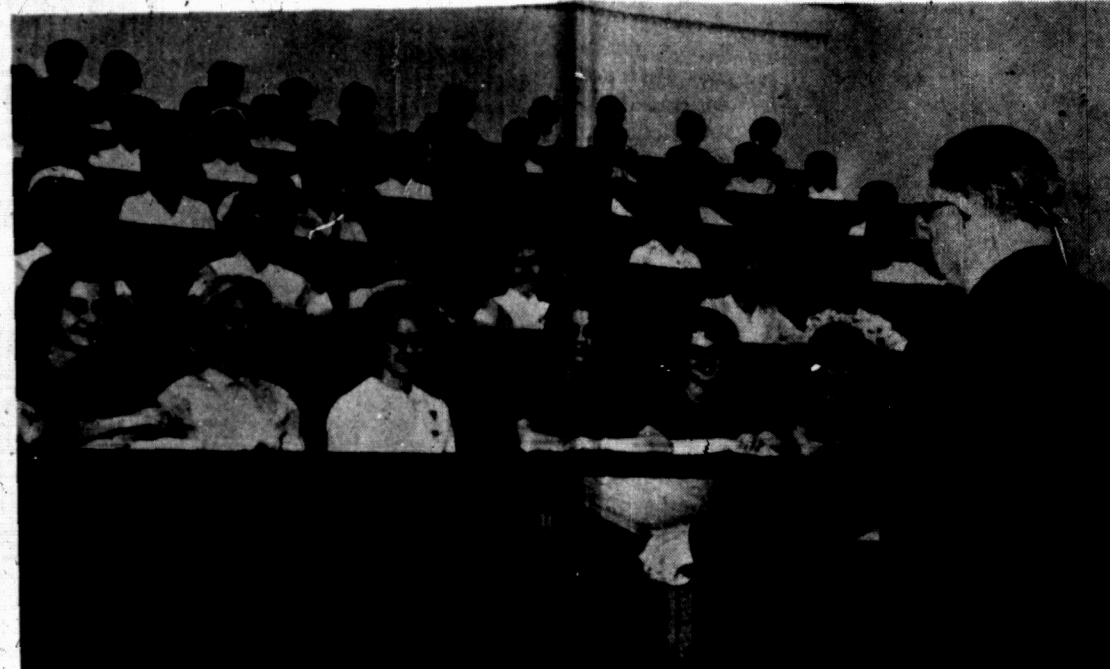


THE PROUD MOTHER of a newborn child is seen receiving a white New Testament in behalf of her child from Chaplain James B. Parker.

WHEN THE PATIENT is not a local resident, the matter of distance and time often prevents family and close friends from making frequent visits he would enjoy. Thus, the hospital chaplain fills the void by being a counselor and friend of those in need.



THE CHAPLAIN works hand-in-hand with many pastors who visit the hospital to minister to patients who are members of their congregation. In this photograph, Dr. Joe H. Tuten, pastor of Calvary, Jackson, is being assisted by Chaplain James B. Parker in locating the patients he has come to visit.



CHAPLAIN JAMES B. PARKER is shown conducting a weekly vesper service, which makes a vital contribution to the religious life of the students at Gilfoy School of Nursing at Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

## Hospital Chaplain's Ministry Is Versatile

Across a white 2x3 card is printed, "If I can render any service of comfort or helpfulness, I shall be happy to do so." These words are not merely angelic platitudes uttered by the chaplains at Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Jackson, but they are symbolic gestures expressed to every patient from admission to discharge.

The chief concern of the

chaplains of Mississippi Baptist Hospital is to lend spiritual guidance to every patient and his family. The ill are never mere numbers, but they are distinct personalities who have basic physical and spiritual needs which require the services of qualified, dedicated specialists.

The chaplain ranks among the specialists who make up the total health care team. His

duties consist of visiting every patient admitted to the hospital. Within a year more than 20,000 patients have been seen. Twenty thousand others are treated in the Emergency Room and released without being admitted. The chaplain ministers to many of these and their families. The comfort of the dying and their loved ones requires many hours of prayer and words of encouragement.

The chaplains at Mississippi Baptist Hospital never take the place of the patient's own beloved pastor, but they often fill the gap in time of emergency when a pastor cannot be at hand. Out-of-town patients and their families require much of a chaplain's time. A chaplain must be versatile, for often within an hour's time he goes from the room of a dying person to rejoice with a couple who have just seen their first newborn. From there, he may be counseling a student nurse regarding her grades, problems at home, or discussing plans for a marriage.

More than 750 employees at Mississippi Baptist Hospital likewise seek the counsel of the chaplain. Their burdens, joys, sorrows, successes, failures, and achievements are shared with one who can listen with interest and concern.

Giving God's word is another service of the chaplains. Bibles are placed in every room for the patient's use. Every baby born at Mississippi Baptist Hospital receives a white New Testament. Through tract racks placed in

every waiting room, more than 10,000 copies of the Gospel of John are distributed each year, plus tens of thousands of tracts which are made available to families and friends of the sick.

The chaplains must provide leadership for weekly vesper services, Religious Emphasis Week, and Religious Focus Week activities. For several years a seminar on "Pastoral Care of the Ill" has been a feature of the hospital program under the leadership of the chaplains. This program is conducted on a statewide basis to familiarize pastors with some of the latest proved

techniques for ministering to the needs of the sick and injured.

"If I can render any service"—yes, this includes almost every soul who needs a friend, a shoulder to lean upon, or an ear that will hear. From tramps on the street, the unfortunate, the destitute, to the rich, the cultured, the refined, the elite—all men need God. How can they know Him? Where can He be found? Most often man meets God when he is ill or injured, and the chaplain is there to introduce them, right in the sickroom at Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

## Baptists Build San Blas Clinic

BALBOA, Canal Zone, (BP) —Helping hands from Baptists here in the Canal Zone and in the United States have reached out to bring promise of a revolution in medical care for the San Blas Indians.

More than \$15,000, including \$2,000 from the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, has been contributed to build a small, modern clinic on Alligandi Island, one of the 50 inhabited coral atolls which ring the wild Caribbean coast of Panama.

When completed the clinic will handle operations, dental work, and provide beds and care for patients who need hospitalization. It will have X-ray equipment, a daily schedule for sick calls, and nurses will staff the facility.

Doctors will visit on a regular schedule, and the mission agency may employ a mission doctor to serve all three of the Indian groups of Panama—the San Blas, the Guaymí, and the Choco. If so, he will supervise this clinic.

A prime mover behind this activity is the First Baptist Church of Balboa Heights in the Canal Zone. Pastor William H. Beeby has led church members to furnish volunteer labor, which, combined with a main effort by the Cuna Indians, built the structure over a period of several months.

A look inside reveals guest rooms, a kitchen, dining room, two private rooms, and a poured concrete floor to provide expansion of the second floor.

**Two-Bed Wards**  
On the ground floor are a pair of two-bed wards, a consultation room, examination room, surgical and delivery room, sterilization room, and medical storage room. The delivery room alone will save the Indian women many trips

to hospitals in Panama.

Patients will have a choice of sleeping in the native hammocks or on beds, according to the nature of their illness.

Known as the marvel Iglesias clinic, it will serve

all of the 50 inhabited San Blas islands. Medical needs in the islands have been served by small medicine dispensaries, with little equipment and almost no facilities to deal with emergencies or serious



RECESS—At mid-morning, children take a "play break" from the Baptist Home Mission Board clinic building. This building serves the island as both church and school.



NEARLY COMPLETED Baptist Medical Clinic. Interior work finished, the new clinic at Alligandi Island in the San Blas needs only finishing touches to be ready for service. Next step is the installation of equipment and power facilities. After that, patients will be accepted.

## Midnight Around World

When you shouted "Happy New Year!" at midnight, December 31, how did citizens of other countries welcome in the New Year? Did they boil Indian rice? Exchange Iranian eggs?

Russian families usually celebrate New Year's as a quiet household holiday. There are New Year's trees, decorated with toys and lights, and parties for the children. At midnight, in observance of an old Russian custom, celebrants douse all the lights. Many teenagers go about the streets festively throwing peas and wheat grains at passers-by—much in the same way as we throw confetti.

If you're ever anywhere in Italy on New Year's Eve, don't walk close to the buildings because at the stroke of midnight people stand at their windows and heave out old glass, kitchenware and chairs. This symbolizes the cleaning out of the old and the beginning of the new.

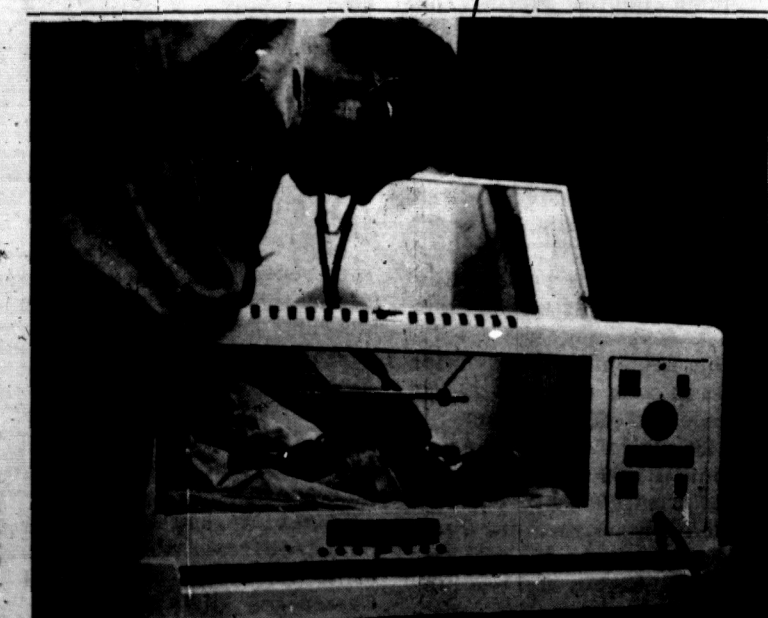
In Jerez, Spain, and other areas, it's customary for families to gather on New Year's Eve and celebrate the coming of the new year with music and a special kind of amusement.

When the clock begins to strike midnight, each person starts to eat twelve grapes. The entire dozen must be eaten before the twelfth stroke of the bell to be sure that the new year will be a happy one.

In Scotland, midnight celebrators carry spiced cakes and other goodies to wish their hosts a good year.

But if you were to welcome in the new year in Iran, you might be surprised at the gifts you would be expected to exchange: eggs!

New Year's in India is an extremely solemn festival. Flower-bedecked cattle are followed through the streets to the Ganges River where Hindu pilgrims gather to worship. In the southern part of the country, the boiling of new rice is an appeal for good luck during the new year.



DR. CAREY W. PHILLIPS, JR., pediatrician, Birmingham, Ala., spent two weeks in Ogbomoso, Nigeria, helping to relieve an emergency at the Baptist Hospital during the illness of a staff doctor. He saw between 60 and 100 children each clinic day. Dr. Phillips went to Nigeria under the volunteer medical program of the Foreign Mission Board, a plan which encourages Baptist doctors in the States to serve from weeks to months with medical institutions overseas. (Photo by Gerald S. Harvey)



## Gambling And Alcohol Will Undergo Study

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention will study alcoholism and gambling during conferences next summer at Ridgecrest, N. C., and Glorieta, N. M.

First to be scheduled is the Christian Life Conference at Glorieta Baptist Assembly. Dates are Aug. 12-18. The subject there will be, "The Problem of Gambling." Professors of Christian ethics from five SBC seminaries will headline the program leaders.

The week at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly is scheduled Aug. 28-Sept. 1. Wayne E. Oates, Louisville, professor of psychology of religion, Southern Seminary, will lecture on "Alcohol And Alcoholism."

The emphasis on the moral dangers of gambling and alcoholism is in keeping with convention action providing increased funds to the commission "For research into problems related to alcohol, gambling and narcotics."

Biblical insights into gambling's effect on society in the way of crime, family disruption and business activity will be considered at Glorieta. With these will come study of a plan for Christian action.

The conference on alcoholism will explore the extent to which alcohol is used by Christians and unbelievers. It will discuss the way alcohol becomes a life habit, its influence on society and the work of pastors and other church people in alcohol education and the treatment of alcoholics.

## Wainwright Named Home Officer

Don E. Wainwright, a graduate of Mississippi College, has been named vice president of the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home in Monroe, La.

Wainwright, who previously served as secretary of the Board, is pastor of the Edgewood Baptist Church in West Monroe. Prior to moving to Louisiana, he had held pastorates in Natchez, Collins and Quitman, Miss.

## Sunday Reports

### Sunday School Attendance Training Union Attendance Additions To The Church

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## Kentucky's First Highway Death Involves Student

By The Baptist Press  
LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Kentucky's first traffic fatality of 1965 was a student at Southern Seminary in Louisville.

Wendell Sinclair Holmes, 36, a first-year student in the School of Religious Education, and his wife and two daughters were returning to school from a Christmas visit at their homes in Woodbridge, Virginia.

Holmes was killed in the two-car collision Jan. 1 near east Bernstadt, Ky. Mrs. Holmes died two days later of injuries.

Their daughter, Mary Ann, 9, was hospitalized in Lexington, Ky. The other daughter, Sara Lynn, 6, began living temporarily with the family of Allen W. Graves in Louisville.

## New Mission Is Begun In Quito

A new Baptist mission was officially inaugurated in Quito, Ecuador, on September 26.

Started during a city-wide crusade during the first part of September, it averaged, while the crusade was in full swing, about 23 in attendance and witnessed 12 professions of faith.

Rev. Stanley D. Stamps, Southern Baptist missionary who says the crusade has established Baptists as a formidable force in the religious life of Quito, reports that Conception Baptist Mission has been going strong every since.

"Since the revival," he says, "regular services have been continued and Sunday school attendance reaches into the 30's." The new mission is sponsored by University Baptist Church, Quito, of which Rev. James P. Gilbert, also a missionary, is pastor. Rev. Miguel Mesias is mission pastor.

The September city-wide crusade was the first by an evangelical denomination in the 430-year history of the predominantly Roman Catholic city. About 7,000 people attended a mass meeting which opened revivals in the four Baptist churches and two missions. There were 596 professions of faith.

Several major religious bodies, including the Roman Catholic Church, have tentatively agreed on a Christian pavilion for the 1965 Montreal World's Fair.



JIM FINLEY is pictured above with the Sebastopol deacons and pastor. Back row, left to right: Earl Vance, Lamar Walters, Dee Brantley, and Marvin Cox. Front row, left, Jim Finley, with the pastor, Rev. W. A. Troutman.

## Sebastopol Honors Oldest Member

Sebastopol Church recently honored its oldest member, Jim Finley, who celebrated his 85th birthday on November 20.

Mr. Finley, a life-time resident of Sebastopol, became a member of Sebastopol Church

67 years ago, when it was still called Sardis Church. He is the oldest member of the church in both age and membership. For fifty years he has served as Sunday school superintendent and teacher. At present, he teaches the Men's Bible Class, and is one of the most faithful and active church members.

Dee Brantley, oldest deacon at Sebastopol, presented Mr. Finley with a Bible from the church.

Mr. Finley's family includes his wife, Mrs. Loomy Finley, two daughters, Mrs. R. O. Thomas of Philadelphia, and Mrs. B. P. Johnson of Sebastopol; one son, H. C. Finley of Mathis, Texas; and six grandchildren.

Rev. W. A. Troutman is pastor at Sebastopol.

## High Church Membership Found In Pierre, S. D.

PIERRE, S. D. (BP) — Three-quarters of the residents of the capital city area of South Dakota, Pierre and Fort Pierre, claim church membership, but only two-thirds of them are members of local churches.

The findings came from an area religious survey conducted by more than 200 members of 19 cooperating churches representing most denominations.

Directing the survey was Don Mabry of Cheyenne, Wyo., an approved worker for the Department of Survey and Special Studies of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mabry said that though church membership was high, one out of nine local members does not attend church as often as once a month. The surveyors contacted 11,907 individuals in the census (85 percent of the population).

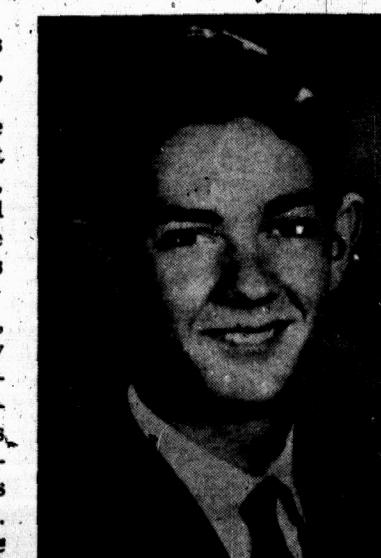
This indicates he noted there are only slightly more than half of the population active as church members.

He also said the survey found more than 2,000 with no church membership, and 40 per cent of the children under nine were not being reached by churches.

Breakdown of the church members by denominations showed 27.7 are Catholics, 20.4 are Lutheran, 18.4 are Methodists, 10.2 are Congregational, 5.8 are Episcopalians, 4.8 are Baptists, 2 are Presbyterians, and 1.8 are Church of Christ.

Canvassers failed to contact only some 190 families who were not at home, and only one in 500 refused to answer survey questions.

As a field, however fertile, cannot be fruitful without cultivation, neither can a mind without learning.—Cicero



Albert Preston Miles, Jr.

## Two Licensed At Fellowship

Albert Preston Miles, Jr., was recently licensed to the gospel ministry by Fellowship Church, Lauderdale County. The 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Miles, Sr. of Center Hill community, he is a sophomore at East Mississippi Junior College where he is active in BSU activities.

James Marcus Brown was also licensed to preach in the same service. A graduate of Center Hill High School, Mrs. Brown is married to the former Eileen Hunt of Dayton, Ohio, and is the father of three small children. He is the son of Marshall D. Brown of Center Hill.

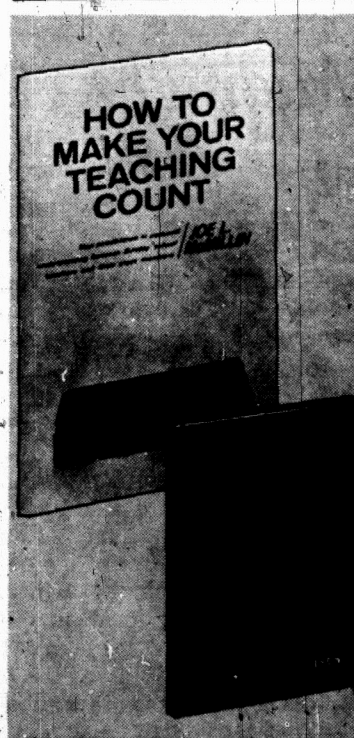
Rev. Richard A. Sowards is pastor of the Fellowship Church.

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CHRISTMAS GIFT—Members of First Church, West Point, presented Rev. Clifton Perkins and his family a new Chevrolet automobile Sunday, December 20. John S. Wells, chairman of deacons, interrupted the service just prior to the benediction to inform the pastor that he would find the car parked in front of the church. Standing, left to right, with the new car, are: Perky Perkins, Mr. Perkins, Mrs. Perkins, and Beth Perkins. (Photo by Henry Harris, Daily Times Leader)

## Seminary Extension Center Planned At Grenada, First

The Joint Pastors' Conference of Grenada - Yalobusha Associations is promoting a Seminary Extension Center in First Church, Grenada, beginning January 14, at 7:00 P.M., in the Chapel of the church.

The purpose of this Center is to provide training for pastors and other church staff members and for lay people who serve in positions of leadership in their churches.

In this first term of the Center four courses will be offered: (1) A study of the first ten books of the Old Testament using the text "The Heart of Hebrew History," by Hester; (2) A survey of the

life of Jesus Christ using the text, "The Heart of the New Testament," by Hester; (3) A history of the Bible in which two texts will be used, "The Ancestry of Our English Bible," by Price, and "Our Bible" by Adams; (4) "Teaching for Results," using the text by the same name, by Edge.

The faculty will consist of Rev. J. A. McCain, pastor of Gore Springs Church, who will teach Old Testament; Rev. Joel E. Haire, pastor of First Church, Water Valley, who will teach New Testament; Rev. Harold Bennett, pastor of Hardy Church, teacher of

Bible history; and Pat H. Guldge, Minister of Education and Music, First Church, Coffeeville, who will teach "Teaching for Results."

Cost of the courses will be \$8.00 each, plus the cost of the textbook, if it has to be purchased. The classes will meet each Thursday night, 6:30-9:30, for twelve consecutive weeks. During the first period enrollees will have a choice between Old Testament and Bible history. During the second period the choice will be between New Testament and "Teaching for Results."

Anyone is qualified to enroll. There are no educational pre-requisites. Upon completion of sixteen courses a participant may receive either the Certificate of Pastoral Training or the Certificate of Religious Education. Credit is also allowed within certain limitations by some colleges. Church study course credit may be received in addition to the above credits by reading the recommended parallel study course book(s).

It is hoped that the Center will become permanent and that three terms of twelve weeks each will be offered annually. Rev. Clarence H. Cutrell, Supt. of Missions, will be the Director of the Center and Mrs. Ruth Smith, County Missions Secretary, will be the Registrar-Treasurer. Interested persons may address inquiries to either of the above persons at Box 156, Grenada, or call Grenada 226-5071.

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## O Come, Let Us Worship Him!

I will seek to WORSHIP GOD by praying daily for people who are oppressed, hungry, fearful, LOST, knowing that the HOLY SPIRIT works miracles among men, reconciling them to GOD.



Emphasis this year in Woman's Missionary Union is being given to Worship. Every member of all organizations can participate, promote interest, and spiritually grow during this emphasis of Worship.

A Prayer Retreat leaflet with Worship as its theme is available for 10c from the Baptist Book Store. In this leaflet you will find suggestions, program guides, time schedules and resource materials for a retreat. A Prayer Retreat will give time and opportunity for prayer, meditation and drawing near to God. Christians need to find the right relationship to God so that His love can flow through them to a lost world.

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## Baptist Men's Day

The month of January highlights opportunities for Baptist men during the week of January 24. The spot-light in each church should be focused on the men. The men of the church should have part in or be directly responsible for all of the worship services during the week, such as:

- Mid-week prayer meeting
- Sunday morning and evening worship services and special music, January 24.

Many churches will be using the men throughout all of the organizations such as:

- Training Union
- Sunday School
- Choirs and Choruses

Some churches will be using the men for special visitation programs, relative to Evangelism, Stewardship and etc., during this time.

Regardless to the extent men are used, we believe that Baptist Men's Day provides a wonderful opportunity for the men of the church to plan, participate and assist in directing programs using all the men of the church.